

Appendix A:
State Policies to Recruit Legionnaires, 1815 to 2020

<i>Legionnaire Policies Initiated in 21st Century</i>		
Recruiting State*	Name of Policy, Corresponding Unit, or Personnel	Duration[§]
United Arab Emirates	Chadian, Nigerien Arabs	2018 [†] -2020
Russia	Veterans from South Ossetia Army	2017-2020 [†]
Syria	Russian, Lebanese in Syrian Army	2015-2020
Ukraine	Multinational volunteers	2014-2020
Singapore	Legal permanent residents in the Armed Forces Volunteer Corps	2014-2020
Eritrea	Tigray Ethiopians in the Presidential Guard	2014-2020 [†]
Iran	<i>Zainabiyoun</i> Brigade (Shia from Pakistan)	2013-2020
Iran	<i>Fatimiyoun</i> Division (Shia from Afganistan)	2013-2020
Syria	Multinationals in the Arab Nationalist Guard	2013-2020
Sudan	Chadians and Nigeriens in Rapid Support Forces	2013-2020
Bahrain	Pakistani Army volunteers in National Guard, Special Forces	2011- 2015
Russia	Multinational volunteers	2010-2020
United Arab Emirates	Australian and multinational volunteers in Presidential Guard	2010-2020
Côte d’Ivoire	Former combatants of Liberian Civil Wars	2010-2011
Chad	Ukrainian and Belarusian pilots	2009-2020
Bolivia	Multinational volunteers	2009-2020
Canada	Multinational veteran pilots	2009-2020 [†]
United States	Multinationals via “Military Accessions Vital to the National Interest” program	2009-2017
Serbia	Multinational volunteers	2007-2020
Denmark	Foreign residents in Denmark	2006 [†] -2020
Australia	Multinational veterans	2006-2020
Belgium	European Union citizens	2004-2020
United Arab Emirates	Multinationals, under Federal Law No. 7 of 2004	2004-2020
Russia	Multinationals from Commonwealth of Independent States	2004-2020
Luxembourg	European Union citizens	2003-2020
Central African Republic	Chadians in the Presidential Guard (a.k.a., “The Liberators”)	2003-2004
United States	“Heritage Speakers” 09L US Army program	2003-2009
Côte d’Ivoire	Former combatants of Liberian Civil Wars	2003-2005
Spain	Foreign residents in Spain and European Union citizens	2002-2020
Mali	Ukrainian pilots	2002 [†] -2012 [†]

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Central African Republic	Chadians in the Special Guard	2001-2003
Guinea	Former combatants of Liberian Civil Wars	2000-2009
Ireland	Foreign residents in Ireland and European Union citizens	2000-2020

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United Kingdom	Multinational volunteers from Commonwealth of Nations	1998-2020
Serbia	Russian volunteers	1998-1999
Democratic Republic of Congo	Rwandan Hutu refugees and former combatants of the Rwandan Civil War	1998-2003
Afghanistan	Multinational Arabs and South Asians in the Islamic Defense Forces	1997-2001
Republic of Congo	Rwandan Hutu refugees	1997-1999
Norway	Icelandic nationals	1995-2020
Yemen	Multinational Sunni veterans from Soviet-Afghan War and Afghan Civil War	1994-1995
Monaco	French and multinational volunteers in <i>Compagnie des Carabiniers du Prince</i>	1993-2020
Azerbaijan	Multinational pilots and ground enlistees	1992-1994
Armenia	Multinational pilots and ground enlistees	1992-1994
Russia	Multinationals from Commonwealth of Independent States	1992-1998
Kazakhstan	Russian officers	1992-1999
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Multinational Shia and Sunni volunteers and limited Croat and Serb veterans	1992-1995
Turkmenistan	Russian officers	1991-1998 [†]
Tajikistan	Russian officers	1991-1998 [†]
Croatia	Multinational volunteers in <i>Tomislav</i> Brigade and other units	1991-1995
Serbia	Russian, Ukrainian, Greek, Romanian, and other multinational volunteers	1991-1995
Sierra Leone	Former combatants of the First Liberian Civil War	1991-1997
New Zealand	Multinational military veterans, under Defence Act of 1990	1990-2020
Libya	Sahelien Tuareg Brigades	1987-2011
Uganda	Rwandan exiles and veterans of the Rwandan Patriotic Front	1986-1990
United States	Compact of Free Association	1986-2020
Libya	Multinational Arab and Muslim airmen, seamen, and technicians	1986-1988 [†]
Brunei	Gurkha Reserve Unit	1984-2020
Iraq	Multinational Arab volunteers in Iraqi Army and Air Force	1981-1988
Libya	Conscripted Pakistani works	1981-1981 [†]
South Africa	Rhodesian veterans in the South African Special Forces	1980-1982
South Africa	Multinational personnel in 44 Parachute Brigade	1980-1982
Iran	<i>Abouzar</i> Brigade (Shia from Afghanistan)	1980-2013
Iraq	Multinational Arabs in the Iraqi Popular Army	1980-1992

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Libya	Multinational Arab pilots and specialists	1980 [†]
Libya	Multinational Arabs	1975-1988 [†]
South Africa	Multinational Europeans and refugees from Angola in Battalion 32	1975-1993
Angola	Katanga Gendarmes	1975-2002
Libya	Arabs, West Africans, and South Asians in the Islamic Legion	1972-1987
Uganda	Congolese and Sudanese personnel in the Army, Palestinians in the Presidential Guard, Rwandans in secret police	1972-1979
Sierra Leone	Guineans and Palestinians in the Presidential Guard	1971-1973
United Arab Emirates	Palestinians, Pakistanis, Omanis, Moroccans, and other multinationals in the Army and Air Force	1971 [†] -2020
Qatar	Palestinians, British, Pakistanis, and other multinationals in the Army and Air Force	1971 [†] -2020
Bahrain	Palestinians, Pakistanis, Indians, Jordanians in the Army and Air Force	1971 [†] -2020
Oman	Baluch personnel in the Frontier Forces and Army	1970-2020
Thailand	Veterans of the Republic of China Army’s 93 rd Division (a.k.a., “The Forgotten Army”)	1970-1982
Portugal	Zambian exiles in the <i>Leais</i>	1968-1974
Portugal	Katanga Gendarmes	1967-1974
Israel	Non-Jewish multinational volunteers	1967
Singapore	Gurkha Contingent	1965-2020
Southern Rhodesia	Multinational volunteers for the Light Infantry and Special Air Service	1965-1979
Zambia	British officers and non-commissioned officers	1964-1979
United States	Multinational non-declarant volunteers in U.S. military reserves	1963-2020
Kenya	British officers and non-commissioned officers	1963-1969
India	Tibetans in the Ladakh Scouts	1963-2020
India	Tibetan in “Establishment 22,” subsequently named the Special Frontier Force	1962-2020
Uganda	British officers and enlisted personnel	1962-1964
Cuba	Multinational volunteer brigade	1962
United States	Multinational non-declarant legal permanent residents into U.S. military active service	1961-2020
Mali	Soviet pilots	1961 [†]
Tanganyika (Tanzania)	British officers and non-commissioned officers	1961-1964
Kuwait	Jordanians, Palestinians, Saudis, and other multinationals in the Army	1961 [†] -2020
Nigeria	British officers	1960-1966 [†]
Niger	French Officers and Non-commissioned officers	1960-1974
Mauritania	French Officers and Non-commissioned officers	1960-1966
Dominican Republic	Anti-Communist Foreign Legion	1959-1961
Ghana	British officers	1957-1966

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United States	Multinationals via the Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1952 and successors	1952-2020
Saudi Arabia	Jordanians, Pakistanis, and other multinationals in the Army and Air Force	1951 [†] -2020
United States	Lodge-Philbin Act and Eastern Europeans in the Special Forces	1950-1959
United States	Japanese Imperial Navy veterans for Korea	1950-1951
China	Japanese veterans and prisoners into People’s Volunteer Army for Korea	1950
China	Japanese WWII veteran volunteers and prisoners into PLA	1949-1951
Taiwan	Japanese WWII veteran volunteers	1949-1950
Poland	German volunteers	1948 [†] -1951 [†]
Romania	Pro-Soviet Yugoslavs and multinational volunteers	1948-1952 [†]
Hungary	Pro-Soviet Yugoslavs	1948-1952 [†]
Israel	Non-Jewish and Jewish Multinational volunteers (a.k.a., <i>Machal</i>)	1948-1949
Pakistan	British and Australian officers	1947-1957
India	British officers	1947-1949
India	Gurkha Brigades	1947-2020
United States	Filipinos in US Navy	1947-1992
China	Japanese imperial army veterans	1945-1946
Yugoslavia	Multinational volunteers in the Yugoslavian Navy	1945 [†] -1948 [†]
Yugoslavia	German POWs and veterans in the Yugoslavian Army	1945-1948 [†]
Japan	Filipino MAKAPILI	1944-1945
Japan	Indonesian <i>Hizballah</i>	1944-1945
Japan	Indonesian <i>Barisan Pelopor</i> (Vanguard Corps)	1944-1945
Japan	Indonesian <i>Soekarelas</i> (a.k.a., PETA)	1943-1945
Japan	Malay <i>Giyuhei</i> (Protection Army)	1943-1945
USSR	German defectors, veterans, and prisoners of war	1943-1950 [†]
Japan	Indonesian <i>Heiho</i>	1942-1945
Japan	Burmese Independence Army	1941-1945
Japan	Inner Mongolian Army	1941 [†] -1945
Italy	Croatian Legion (a.k.a., Croatian Light Motorized Battalion)	1941-1943
USSR	Polish Armed Forces in the East (a.k.a., Berling’s Army)	1941-1945
Germany	Eastern Europeans in the <i>Waffen-SS</i> and <i>Wehrmacht</i>	1941-1945
Germany	Western Europeans in the <i>Wehrmacht</i>	1941-1945
China	1 st American Volunteer Group (a.k.a., Flying Tigers)	1941-1945
Australia	Resident aliens and refugees	1941-1945
United States	Multinationals under the Nationality Act of 1940 and subsequent wartime legislation	1940-1952 [†]
Finland	Estonian volunteers and Russian prisoners of war	1940-1944
Germany	Western Europeans in the <i>Waffen-SS</i>	1940-1945

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United Kingdom	Multinational volunteers, including enemy aliens and “free allied” personnel in British army and navy	1940-1945
United Kingdom	Multinational volunteer pilots	1940-1945
New Zealand	Multinationals under the Alien Enlistment Emergency Regulations	1939-1945
Canada	Multinational volunteers in the Royal Air Force	1939-1942
France	Polish and other foreign pilots and ground troops	1939-1940
Finland	Multinational volunteers in Winter War	1939-1940
Spain	International Brigades	1936-1939
Ethiopia	Eritrean <i>Askari</i> and <i>Bande</i> from Italian imperial army	1935-10
Italy	Ethiopian defectors	1935-1936
Bolivia	German, Chilean, Czech officers and personnel	1932-1935
Paraguay	White Russian, Italian, Uruguayan, and Argentinian personnel and pilots	1932-1935
United Kingdom	Iraq Levies (a.k.a., Assyrian Levies)	1932-1955 [†]
Ethiopia	Multinational volunteer pilots and officers	1929-1936
United Kingdom	Citizens of the Republic of Ireland	1922-2020
Spain	Spanish Foreign Legion	1920-2020
Lithuania	German and Baltic German volunteers	1919-1920
Estonia	Finnish, Latvian, and White Russian volunteers	1919-1920
Poland	American pilots in the 7 th Air <i>Escadrille</i> (a.k.a., <i>Kościuszko</i> Squadron)	1919-1921
Latvia	Estonian, German, and Baltic German volunteers	1918-1920
United Kingdom	Murmansk Legion	1918-1919
United Kingdom	British-Slavic Legion	1918-1919
USSR	Multinational volunteers to the Red Army	1918-1922
Italy	Redeemed Legion (a.k.a., <i>Legione Redenta</i>)	1918-1920
Finland	Multinational volunteers during the Civil War	1918
Finland	Polish Legion	1917-1918
Italy	Trentino Legion (a.k.a., <i>Legione Trentina</i>)	1917-1919*
Italy	Czech Legion`	1917-1918
United States	Multinational conscripts and volunteers under the 1918 Alien Naturalization Act and 1917 Selective Service Act	1917-1919
United Kingdom	Jewish Legion	1917-1921
Russia	Serbian Volunteer Division	1916-1917
France	Armenian Legion (a.k.a <i>La Legion d' Orient</i>)	1916-1921
France	Lafayette Flying Corps (a.k.a., <i>Lafayette Escadrille</i>)	1916-1918
Ottoman Empire	Indian Volunteer Corps	1916-1918*
Germany	Royal Polish Army (a.k.a., <i>Polnische Wehrmacht</i>)	1916-1918
Germany	Georgian Legion	1915-1917
Germany	Finnish 27 th <i>Jaeger</i> Battalion	1915-1918

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United Kingdom	Ottoman Arab Scouts (a.k.a., Arab, Assyrian, and Kurdish Levies),	1915-1921 [†]
United Kingdom (Canada)	American battalions in the Canadian Expeditionary Force (a.k.a., the American Legion)	1915-1917
Ottoman Empire	Muslim prisoners of war from British and French colonial armies	1914-1918 [†]
Ottoman Empire	Refugee and Non-citizen Recruitment under May 1914 Service Law	1914-1918 [†]
Germany	Polish Legions	1914-1918
Russia	Russian- and Ottoman-Armenian volunteer units	1914-1917
Russia	Polish prisoners of war from Austro-Hungarian Army	1914-1917
France	German Alsatians and Alsatian prisoners of war	1914-1918
France	Czech Legion	1914-1918
Russia	Assyrian Levy	1914-1915 [†]
Russia	Czech Legion	1914-1918
Greece	Italian Red Shirts (a.k.a., Garibaldi Legion)	1912-1913
Japan	Chinese <i>Honghuzi</i>	1904-1905
Russia	Chinese <i>Honghuzi</i>	1904-1905

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Greece	Philhellenic Legion and Italian Red Shirt Army	1897
China	Self-Strengthening Army and other German volunteers	1895-1898
Germany	British/Egyptian Sudanese and Portuguese Shangaan in the German East Africa Army	1888-1895
Belgium	Multinational Europeans in the <i>Force Publique</i>	1886-1960 [†]
Italy	Multinational Africans and Arabs in colonial force	1885-1896
Belgium	Resident alien volunteers in the armed forces and civil guard	1882-1898 [†]
Russia	Bulgarian volunteers	1877-1878
Ottoman Empire	German, British, and other European officers	1877-1878
Ottoman Empire	Polish Legion	1877-1878
France	Army of <i>Vosges</i>	1870-1871
Egypt	American Civil War veterans	1869-1882
United States	Native American Indian enlistees [‡]	1866-1924
Brazil	Slaves and emancipated slaves [‡]	1865-1870
Mexico	Belgian Legion	1864-1866
United States	African Americans in the Union Army [‡]	1863-1865
China	Ever-Triumphant Army	1862-1864
France	Sudanese Battalions in Mexico	1862-1867
United States	Multinational volunteers in the Union Army	1861-1865
Kingdom of Two Sicilies	German volunteers	1860
Papal States	Irish Papal Brigade	1860

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Papal States	German and Swiss volunteers in <i>Reggimento Carabinieri Esteri</i>	1860
China	Shanghai Foreign Armed Corps, subsequently renamed the Ever-Victorious Army	1860-1864
United Kingdom	British Turkish Contingent	1855-1856
Egypt	Sudanese, South Sudanese, and Nubian military slaves	1855-1874
United Kingdom	Osmanli Irregular Cavalry (a.k.a., multinational <i>Bashi Bazouk</i>)	1855-1856
United Kingdom	German, Swiss, and Italian Legions	1854-1856
France	Multinational <i>Bashi Bazouk</i>	1854-1855 [†]
Russia	Greek and Balkan Volunteer Corps	1853-1856
Ottoman Empire	American and British volunteer officers and non-commissioned officers	1853-1857
Ottoman Empire	Polish “Cossack” Legion	1853-1855
Ottoman Empire	Polish and Hungarian officers for Christian Ottoman units	1848-1851
United States	Multinational volunteers	1846-1848
Mexico	<i>Batallón de San Patricio</i>	1846-1848
Argentina	Multinational conscripts	1846 [†]
Chile	American, European, and Latin American officers	1839 [†] -1885 [†]
Spain	French Foreign Legion	1835-1838
Spain	British Legion	1835-1837
Belgium	Polish, French, and multinational veterans	1831-1839
France	French Foreign Legion	1831-2020
Brazil	Irish and German recruits	1830
Netherlands	Multinational Europeans in the Netherlands East India Army	1830-1950
Portugal	Multinational veterans and volunteers	1828-1834
Brazil	Irish recruits	1826 [†] -1828
Brazil	German recruits	1822-1828
Brazil	Slave recruits [‡]	1822-1823
Ottoman Empire	Sudanese, South Sudanese, and Nubian military slaves [‡]	1820 [†] -1855
Austria-Hungary	Western Europeans in Habsburg officer corps	1816-1848 [†]
France	Multinational personnel in <i>Hohenlohe</i> Regiment	1815-1831
United Kingdom	Gurkha Brigades	1815-2020

* If states experienced civil war and continued to use foreign personnel, dataset only records foreign recruitment by the incumbent, unless and until that regime is replaced by its challenger. [§] Policies listed as lasting until 2020 remained ongoing as of the cut-off date for this dataset and had not yet been terminated. [†] Denotes estimated date. [‡] The recruited individuals were explicitly denied citizenship by the recruiting governments, even if born within the country.
